consideration, however, to consumer convenience and economic viability of the shop.

(d) There are 847 and 451 Fair Price Shops in East and Rural Zones in Delhi for about 46 lakhs and 26 lakhs cereal units respectively.

(e) Delhi Administration has reported that they regularly review the need for opening additional Fair Price Ships both suo moto and on request by consumers in various areas.

Air Stations and Doordarshan Relay Centres at Phoolbani and Kalahandi

*679. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Relay Centres at Phoolbani and Kalahandi in Orissa;

(b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJAVYAS): (a) to (c). All India Radio has an approved scheme for establishment of a new radio station at Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district. This scheme has been planned to technically ready during 1992-93. There is no similar scheme approved for Phoolbani at present. However, both these districts will stand fully covered by Radio signals with the commissioning of Radio stations under implementation at Bhawanipatna and Bolangir and with the augmentation of the power of 20 KW MWTransmitter at Jeypore to 100 KW.

There is no approved scheme for strengthening of TV service in either of these two districts. The strengthening of TV service in these two districts depends upon availability of resources for the purpose.

Rice allotted to States

*680. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice allotted to various States during the current year so far, Statewise and month-wise; and

(b) whether it is proportionate to their population or it is a per their requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) A statement giving the required information is attached (Annexure).

(b) The allotment of foodgrains from the Central Pool to various States/UTs for Public Distribution System is not made on the basis of population. The system of allocation has evolved over a period of years and allocations are made on a month to month basis taking into account the demands made by the State Governments from time to time, the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States and seasonal availability. These allocations are only supplemental to open market availability.